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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I also want to see legislation improved to allow for more competition among small media service providers and for it to be made illegal for internet service providers of -all- types (dialup, broadband, etc.) to deny or restrict the accessibility of every web page on the internet. This means no rate plans that force consumers to pay more for access to information. Access to the internet should be complete and unfiltered. Boycotts of offending media outlets will be carried out unless these very basic concessions are made.

**From:** David Krywinski [dkrywinski@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 04, 2004 12:32 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Commissioner Adelstein; Kathleen Abernathy; KAWWER; Michael Copps; Michael Powell; arlen\_specter@specter.senate.gov; chuck\_hagel@hagel.senate.gov; jim\_bunning@bunning.senate.gov; john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov; kit\_bond@bond.senate.gov; mailbox@gregg.senate.gov; mailbox@sununu.senate.gov; olympia@snowe.senate.gov; saxby\_chambliss@chambliss.senate.gov; senator@cochran.senate.gov; senator@enzi.senate.gov; senator@mcconnell.senate.gov; senator@nickles.senate.gov; senator@sessions.senate.gov; senator@shelby.senate.gov; senator@warner.senate.gov; senator\_dewine@dewine.senate.gov; senator\_domenici@domenici.senate.gov; senator\_kohl@kohl.senate.gov; senator\_lugar@lugar.senate.gov; senator\_talent@talent.senate.gov; senator\_voinovich@voinovich.senate.gov; senatorlott@lott.senate.gov; president@whitehouse.gov; vice.president@whitehouse.gov; editor@parentst.org  
**Subject:** Copps is Right -FCC member rips colleagues over consolidation

## FCC member rips colleagues over consolidation

**WASHINGTON (Hollywood Reporter) - Democratic FCC commissioner Michael Copps on Monday blasted his agency for its role in the "Clear Channelization" of American radio, charging that the Republican-controlled panel has shortchanged the public by giving the go-ahead to further media consolidation.**

"We are skirting dangerously close to taking the public interest out of the public airwaves," Copps said at the Future of Music Coalition's policy summit, a conference of musicians, record industry executives, lawmakers and civil liberties activists.

Copps was one of two dissenters in the five-member commission's vote last June to ease regulations on media ownership. That ruling was motivated by the notion that the strict regulations in place -- intended to protect against monopoly of the airwaves -- became obsolete with the proliferation of such information and entertainment sources as the Internet and cable.

Copps said the Federal Communications Commission is moving in the wrong direction by allowing diverse perspectives and local interests and talent to be trumped by the homogenizing forces of media giants that dominate many of the nation's media markets.

"Step by step, rule by rule, bit by bit, (this commission) has allowed the dismantling of a whole variety of public interest protections and flashed the green light for more consolidation," Copps said.

He singled out the "postcard renewal" process for licensing of radio stations as one of the main failings of the FCC in protecting the public interest from corporate homogenization, stressing that stations should have to provide sufficient evidence that they serve local interests and urging people in the audience to file complaints with the FCC if their local stations fail to do so.

The FCC has created a localism task force that holds hearings nationwide to better assess broadcasters' service to their communities. It is an initiative Copps had been pushing for since before the media ownership ruling and regrets that it only started recently.

Now that the program is in action, he wants to ensure that the results are taken seriously. "If I find out that we are pell-mell renewing licenses without having reference to the record that we amassed or we're not really being any more rigorous than we have been about it, then I'm going to make considerable noise about it as much as I can," he said in an interview after his speech.

Copps also wants to see more independent programming on TV, suggesting that the indie share of primetime hours should be 25%-35%. He said a proposed rule-making on independent programming could be put out for public comment in fairly short order, something Center for Creative Voices in Media, the WGA and the Coalition for Program Diversity have been championing.

"Anything with the name 'independent' on it seems to be on the endangered species list," Copps said. "But there is so much more creativity across America than the lowest common denominator entertainment from Madison Avenue."

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**From:** Paul S. Mitchell [psmitchell@poofaccess.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2004 10:26 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Competition

You should be promoting competition , not monopolies. Do the right thing once.

Paul S. Mitchell

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**From:** Cyncar1024@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2004 11:52 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Mexican Monopoly

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*Mr. Louis Oreamuno  
Licensed Notary Public  
37-21 79th Street - Suite 52  
Jackson Heights, N. Y. 11372*

Sir;

*The reason for this correspondence is quite simple. In the United States of America there exists three main Latin-american television outlets which are Telemundo, Univision and Galavision. It is my understanding of geography that there exists 19 Latin-american countries in this hemisphere. Yet those outlets seem to be owned, managed and operated solely for the exclusive use of Mexicans. This in my humble opinion smacks of one giant telecommunications monopoly. Every single program, show and commercial is channeled solely for Mexican & Mexican American consumption.*

*I have made this opinion known to both Telemundo and Univision without ever any reply from these organs. So allow me, as a Costa Rican-Aamerican to vent my total disgust at this condition and am asking that, through your offices, that you not only investigate the veracity of my claim but to put a complete cessation of same. After all, as I said, there are 19 other Latin-america nations in this hemisphere to be heard from. I frankly was not made aware that the state of Florida had become part of Mexico where Univision and Telemundo have their offices. I sincerely hope you will look into this matter and take appropriate corrective steps.*

*Respectfully - Louis Oreamuno*

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**From:** Richard Chase [rac47.02@engr.colostate.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2004 8:38 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Media ownership, and cross-ownership rules change

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Richard Chase  
683 Gunsmoke Trail  
Lusby, MD 20657

May 12, 2004

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Adelstein:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Allowing greater concentration and cross-ownership of media may have a profound impact on Americans' access to a wide range of news, information, programming and political commentary. To have a healthy democratic dialogue and participation on major issues, I believe it is important that we have access to a diversity of opinions and information, not a handful of options. Altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate and the marketplace of ideas. Rulemaking of this significance should therefore be open to public comment.

I also believe that, to stay democratic and free, we need to ensure diversity of opinion and the free exchange of ideas. It is imperative that there be the widest possible comment on any proposed rule so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

Once again, I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Please keep me personally informed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Chase

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**From:** Richard H. Lay, USN(Ret) [seabag@mbo.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2004 9:35 AM  
**To:** Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Kathleen Abernathy; Commissioner Adelstein; Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Broadcast ownership rules.

I wish to strongly protest relaxation of FCC broadcast ownership rules. Historically, when government or businesses have unopposed power, they have proven to be totally untrustworthy and abusive. Media monopolies can be no different. My cousin Kenneth Lay (ENRON) is the perfect example. Richard H. Lay, USN(Ret) P.O.Box 173 Earlsboro, OK 74840

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**From:** Bob Gould [bob.gould@stanfordalumni.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2004 8:10 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** ownership in Honolulu

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Mr. Powell,

I know you are a proponent of reducing restrictions on station ownership, but I would like to briefly tell you the viewer's side of the story. Emmis Communications owns both the Fox TV affiliate (KHON) and the CBS affiliate (KGMB) in Honolulu. When they were bringing their case before the FCC for continued ownership of both of these stations, the CBS affiliate started broadcasting in High Definition, their programming started on time (unusual for Honolulu, where the stations have traditionally added from 10 to 20 minutes of additional commercials between 5PM and 10PM, moving the programming back incrementally over the evening), and they were generally behaving themselves. Now that the case is apparently over Emmis has shut down their High Definition broadcasting (they never even started it on KHON), and their programming is again creeping later. About two weeks ago they inserted an infomercial in front of a scheduled program at 11:30PM, causing that program to run late and causing their advertisers to miss viewers (I, at least, record a show at that time as I am in bed by then, so I missed 30 minutes of it).

The station appears to have been on good behavior when asking the FCC for an exception to the rules, but now is doing whatever it wants and flouting what few rules should apply. If you can do anything to force them to return to the service level that they had when pleading their case before the FCC, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you.

Bob Gould

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From: Lauren Curry

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I understand the fiscal concerns that opposition to media consolidation may raise. Be that as it may, I urge you to think in the long term. Stereotypes and ideas which impede social progress are disseminated through our airwaves and independents are continually prevented from breaking through with alternative messages. To stop institutionalized prejudices we have to change the media. This will never happen if media consolidation is allowed to continue. Thank you.

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From: Eddy James

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**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Concerned Student

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Dear Sir,

I am a college Junior at Fordham University in the Bronx and I am writing because I am currently concerned with what I perceive to be the lax control over media ownership which the FCC is now allowing. It is quite possible for me to compose an incredibly long winded e-mail containing percentages, facts, and my opinions about what I feel is wrong with allowing media to conglomerate, but I image you have heard it all. I also image that there is little chance of this e-mail directly reaching your desk. If I am doing nothing else other then adding my name to the list of citizens who are openly concerned about the increased potential for media ownership I would be happy to say that I have done a small part in having my voice heard. If you believe that allowing a smaller number of companies to control a greater percentage of media you are sorely mistaken. I am a concerned student who is voicing my opinion, and I can only hope that there are more like me contacting you everyday. Soon enough you may receive enough complaints that you will realize your mistakes and reevaluate your recent ownership increases. These huge conglomerates are not broadcasting in the public interest, they are doing more to create an uninformed and socially stagnant America then a diverse participating one. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
David B Hopson  
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